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Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report

Zero Fatalities Press Conference



On July 22, 2010, Colonel Fuhr along with UDOT, Highway Safety and Zero Fatalities conducted a press conference to address the increase of fatalities on our roadways in the month of July. In 2010 we have had 117 motorists died on our roadways thus far. At the end of last year we had 244 fatalities, the lowest number in Utah in 35 years. We want to continue to lower the numbers. Col. Fuhr addressed the media and provided tips to motorists.

DUI / Section 16 Weekly Report



During the week of July 12, 2010 through July 19, 2010 the Section 16 compiled the following Stats

DUI Arrest	35
Not A Drop	2
Metabolite	0
Alcohol Restricted	3
Minor in Possession	3
Ignition Interlock	1
Drug Related Arrests	7
Open Container Violation	1
Total Vehicle Stops	302

Section 16 assisted Lehi P.D. with a road block on Saturday night

Criminal Interdiction



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On Friday July 16, 2010, a trooper stopped a vehicle on I-15 in Nephi, Utah for speeding. The trooper during the traffic stop noticed the driver could not produce a valid driver license. The driver had a suspended driver license. The vehicle was a rental car. The trooper placed the driver under arrest for driving on suspension and impounded the vehicle. Pursuant to UHP policy, the vehicle was inventoried. An inventory of the vehicle revealed approximately 10 lbs of compressed marijuana in the trunk.

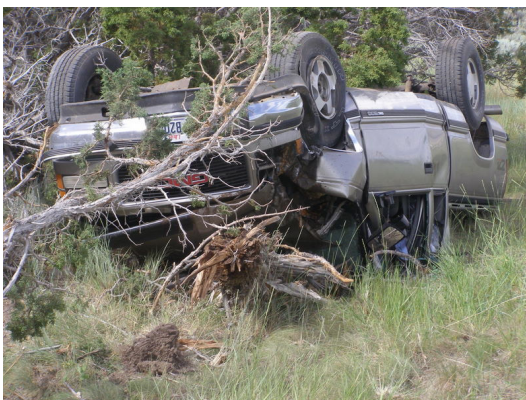


On July 19, 2010, a state trooper stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Summit for multiple traffic offenses. The vehicle was a rental car. The trooper became suspicious of criminal activity during the course of the stop. He deployed K-9 Marco around the outside of the vehicle. K-9 Marco gave a positive indication in the trunk area. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 16 lbs of marijuana in the trunk.



On July 19, 2010, Garfield County S.O. raided an illegal marijuana grow site and destroyed thousands of plants in Garfield County. The Garfield County sheriff was tipped off a couple of weeks ago about the likelihood of a marijuana grow site when a man approached two teenage girls in the foothills west of Panguitch, armed with a gun. The man, Pedro Guerrero, is now in jail. Our UHP SERT and our UHP helicopter assisted during the operation.

Fatal Crashes



On July 17, 2010 at 0946, a motorist from Richfield, UT was driving a 1998 GMC Pickup Truck westbound I-70 at approximately mile marker 2. For unknown reasons the driver crossed through the median, eastbound lanes and hit several trees causing the vehicle to rollover. The top of the vehicle was crushed in the rollover. The driver was wearing his seatbelt however died on scene.



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On Sunday July 18, 2010 Northbound I-15 near mm 30 (Pintura) was backed up due to construction and a lane closure. A semi truck was traveling northbound at a high rate of speed and lost control after attempting to stop. The rear trailer on the semi swerved into the southbound lanes striking a white Kia SUV head on. Two residents from Pennsylvania in the SUV died on scene. Southbound I 15 was closed at mm 30 for several hours.



On 7/20/10, our dispatch received a call on a possible DUI/reckless driver on SR-10 north of Huntington. As the complainant was on the phone with a dispatch center, they witnessed the crash. Vehicle 1 (Mazda 6), the possible reckless/DUI, was traveling northbound when it crossed the centerline and struck a southbound motorcycle (Harley). The driver of the motorcycle was killed, the driver of Vehicle 1 was injured and transported to Castleview Hospital.



On July 20, 2010, at approximately 1701 hours, a vehicle was traveling eastbound on I-70 near mile post 175. Investigation shows the right rear tire of the vehicle failed. At that point, the vehicle veered left. The driver over corrected, and the vehicle started to spin, and ran off the right side of the road. The tires caught, and the vehicle overturned down an embankment. The vehicle came to final rest upright on it's wheels, facing west. The male driver and his wife were extracted and transported by ambulance to Allen

Memorial Hospital in Moab, UT. Their grandson, who was seated behind the passenger, was also transported by ambulance to the Allen Memorial Hospital. All three were released from the hospital that same evening. The driver later expired from injuries related to the crash in a Colorado hospital.

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On July 20, 2010, a pursuit occurred in Box Elder County initiated by a local agency. The pursuit terminated in Weber County. A local agency attempted to stop a vehicle but the driver failed to yield. The pursuit entered I-15 and a Weber County Deputy attempted a PIT maneuver which was unsuccessful. UHP assisted with spikes. The vehicle then goes the wrong way on I-15 traveling southbound in the northbound lanes. A local police officer continues to chase and subsequently the vehicle was stopped and the suspect was arrested.



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